

TO: Mayor and Council Members
FROM: Kathy Neale, Senior Commission, Chairperson
DATE: January 20, 2012
RE: **Renaming of the Rockville Senior Center**

At the monthly Senior Commission meeting on January 19, the Commission discussed a request to rename the **Rockville Senior Center** for former Mayor William E. Hanna. After much discussion, it was noted there were several people who were instrumental in opening the Senior Center and responsible for its continued success and that choosing one person to name the Center after might create bad feelings. (As in the case of the Rockville Library)

During the discussion, I heard many people say they would not recommend naming it after a person at all, but would consider an alternate name based on the recommendations from a subcommittee of both Senior Commission members and RSI members. This committee would discuss alternate names for the Senior Center or recommend keeping the name the "Senior Center". In addition, it was suggested that the proposed names be presented to the Senior Center membership and in turn the membership will vote to determine the recommended name.

I would ask the Mayor and Council to support the Senior Commission and RSI to set up this subcommittee to determine guidelines on selecting names and a voting process allowing the membership to decide the name for the Senior Center.